

For the sake of a vital and strong democracy, please do not deregulate media interests any further than they already have been.

It is the free market of ideas that a democracy requires to stimulate debate and participation in the political process. Our founding fathers recognized this; we would do well not to forget it.

Consolidation of media interests inevitably leads to a lack of diversity in programming and viewpoints. Consolidation stifles competition.

The FCC is the regulatory body that protects our public trust of media outlets. It is the first line of defense against the erosion and decay of the public forum. I hope I can trust the FCC to do the right thing and protect the public interest in a diverse and competitive media marketplace.

Regards,

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